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<b>0-5</b>	<b>Petition</b> The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty	
<b>0-6</b>	<b>Receiving Office (specified by the applicant)</b>	<b>Japan Patent Office (RO/JP)</b>
<b>0-7</b>	<b>Applicant's or agent's file reference</b>	<b>S03P1182WO00</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>Title of invention</b>	<b>IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD</b>
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<b>V</b>	<b>Designation of States</b>	
<b>V-1</b>	Regional Patent (other kinds of protection or treatment, if any, are specified between parentheses after the designation(s) concerned)	<b>EP: AT BE BG CH&amp;LI CY CZ DE DK EE ES FI FR GB GR HU IE IT LU MC NL PT RO SE SI SK TR and any other State which is a Contracting State of the European Patent Convention and of the PCT</b>
<b>V-2</b>	National Patent (other kinds of protection or treatment, if any, are specified between parentheses after the designation(s) concerned)	<b>KR US</b>

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<b>V-5</b>	<b>Precautionary Designation Statement</b> In addition to the designations made under items V-1, V-2 and V-3, the applicant also makes under Rule 4.9(b) all designations which would be permitted under the PCT except any designation(s) of the State(s) indicated under item V-6 below. The applicant declares that those additional designations are subject to confirmation and that any designation which is not confirmed before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date is to be regarded as withdrawn by the applicant at the expiration of that time limit.	
<b>V-6</b>	<b>Exclusion(s) from precautionary designations</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>VI-1</b>	<b>Priority claim of earlier national application</b>	
VI-1-1	Filing date	<b>04 October 2002 (04.10.2002)</b>
VI-1-2	Number	<b>Patent Application 2002-292547</b>
VI-1-3	Country	<b>JP</b>
<b>VII-1</b>	<b>International Searching Authority Chosen</b>	<b>Japan Patent Office (JPO) (ISA/JP)</b>
<b>VIII</b>	<b>Declarations</b>	<b>Number of declarations</b>
VIII-1	Declaration as to the identity of the inventor	-
VIII-2	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent	-
VIII-3	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application	-
VIII-4	Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)	-
VIII-5	Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty	-
<b>IX</b>	<b>Check list</b>	<b>number of sheets</b> <b>electronic file(s) attached</b>
IX-1	Request (including declaration sheets)	<b>4</b> -
IX-2	Description	<b>10</b> -
IX-3	Claims	<b>2</b> -
IX-4	Abstract	<b>1</b> <b>EZABST00.TXT</b>
IX-5	Drawings	<b>6</b> -
IX-7	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23</b>

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	<b>Accompanying items</b>	<b>paper document(s) attached</b>	<b>electronic file(s) attached</b>
IX-8	Fee calculation sheet	✓	-
IX-9	Original separate power of attorney	✓	-
IX-11	Copy of general power of attorney	✓	-
IX-13	Priority document(s)	<b>Item(s) VI-1</b>	-
IX-17	PCT-EASY diskette	-	<b>Diskette</b>
IX-18	Other (specified):	<b>Revenue stamps of transmittal fee and search fee for receiving office</b>	-
IX-18	Other (specified):	<b>Submission of certificate of payment for international fee</b>	-
IX-19	Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract	<b>3</b>	
IX-20	Language of filing of the international application	<b>Japanese</b>	
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10-1	Date of actual receipt of the purported international application	
10-2	Drawings:	
10-2-1	Received	
10-2-2	Not received	
10-3	Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application	
10-4	Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2)	
10-5	International Searching Authority	<b>ISA/JP</b>
10-6	Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid	

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11-1	Date of receipt of the record copy by the International Bureau	
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